

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

Claims 2 - 26 are requested to be cancelled.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

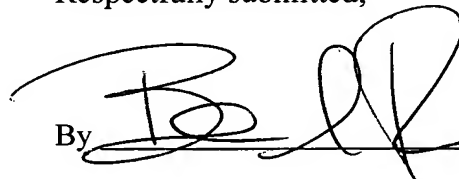
After amending the claims as set forth above, claim 1 is now pending in this application. Applicants intend to file a second preliminary amendment shortly submitting further claims for prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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